

SENATE BILL 1373

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to released time courses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-130, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(1) If a local board of education adopts a policy in accordance with subdivision (b)(1) for the purpose of offering students participating in a released time course school credit, then the state board of education must approve the released time course as a special course that offers elective credits for each student who participates.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (e), instructors of a released time course offered by a local board of education for school credit must be licensed pursuant to chapter 5 of this title. The instructors and any others providing a released time course through, or on behalf of, an independent entity must be employed by the independent entity.

SECTION 2. The state board of education may promulgate rules or adopt policies to establish any administrative requirements necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act; provided, that the state board shall not require the curriculum or textbooks of a released time course to be approved by the state board or by the department of education in order for a student to receive elective credits for the student's participation in the released time course.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.